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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Henri Ji, et al.
Serial No.: 09/513,710
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Entitled: "Method for Ligating Nucleic Acids and
Molecular Cloning"

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

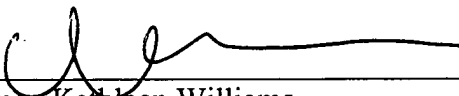
Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of Two months to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the final Office Action mailed March 27, 2001 from November 27, 2001 up to and including January 27, 2002.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, enclosed is the requisite extension fee of \$200.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application. The Assistant Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 25436/1120. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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